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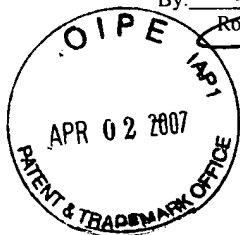
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CONTROL METHOD OF STORAGE
CONTROL APPARATUS, CHANNEL
CONTROL UNIT AND PROGRAM

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It is respectfully requested that the cited reference be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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